

WHAT DOES THE CHURCH OWE TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S WORK.

WESLEY C. WINE.

The King's Children is pre-eminently an institution of the Brethren church. It is a child of the church, and as such has for its prime object the furtherance of the doctrines of the Brethren church. Its importance as a social factor is great, as an educator it is a success in its own peculiar way. It brings its members in contact with each other, overcoming natural awkwardness or timidity. This can be said of all similar societies; but of the King's Children alone can it be said, "It holds and teaches all the doctrines of the Brethren church."

What then may we rightly claim from the church? Just what a dutiful child may claim from a parent. We may claim, may demand her support in many ways. First, when we need to be corrected, it is a duty of the church to correct us. When we need advice, she should advise us. When we are in need of sympathy, we expect her to sympathize with us. Why all this? Because there is no other institution in the church that does what we do. The S. S. C. E. is a grand worker, a boon to the church, but it is for us to finish work they make it possible to do. The Sunday-school instructs, we develop and assimilate that instruction. We claim to be the power of the church centralized and controlled by the church. This is easily proved by consulting the record of those who were received into the church from the K. C. Nor do we stop there. We are a part of the church. Can she afford to cut us off? No more than I could afford to cut off my head. I say this not boastfully, but candidly. I heartily believe that any movement tending to destroy our influence or change the nature of our work as a society, is a step toward sounding the death-knell of the general church. Yet there is no cause for alarm. Our importance is recognized, we are receiving her support and a brilliant success awaits us.

A JUNIOR K. C. ORGANIZED.

Organized a Junior K. C. at Enon, last night with about fifteen members. Our Senior K. C. is prospering finely. They will give a Christian sociable on Thanksgiving eve, at the home of brother Dan Saylor. Not a pay sociable, but one for outsiders, given in Christ's name. See Luke 14: 12-14. Will preach a Thanksgiving sermon at Enon. Take a collection at that time for some benevolent purpose. Work moving nicely.

Sincerely,

J. C. GILLIN.

From Waterloo, Ia.

We have organized a Senior and Junior King's Children. I belong to the Junior. Mrs. Eli Hoover is our instructor. The officers are Bert Hoover, president; Blanche Hoover, vice president; Ella Johnson, secretary; and Vernon Hensworth, treasurer. We have only one committee, Emma Landis, Walter Miller, and Morse Hoover. We are going to try and have a successful meeting. Our pastor's name is J. L. Gillin. He is highly respected by all. We are having very cold weather. I will close by asking a question. How wide was the river where the Israelites crossed.

Nov. 27, '95. BLANCHE HOOVER.

Sisters' S. C. E.

FROM MARION, IND.

This is the first time we have sent any word in from our S. S. C. E. We have nineteen members, and pay five cents monthly dues. We meet each Thursday, and do some work. We are quilting now. We do any thing we get to do, and I think we are doing well. Hoping to see this in the EVANGELIST.

MARY RADER, Secretary.

"GIRLS AND BUSINESS."

Speaking of girls and business, Mrs. M. E. Sangster says: "A happy girl in her father's home, under the wing of a gentle, judicious mother, is ideally placed, and is to be congratulated, if not envied. But observation and experience convince us that few girls can be certain of this safe, easy and comfortable continuance through life in the parental home, nor of an assured income. . . . Every man owes it to his daughters to see that they learn some one thing so perfectly that, if need be, it shall stand to them as a means of earning money.

"The mother, be she never so tender, so wise, and so loving, is not really so kind and provident for her girls, if she neglect to thus insure them against the mishaps and pitfalls of the uncertain future. Parental love should mean parental forecast, especially for those who else may be cast like helpless drift-wood on the shores of fate. . . .

"Any thing that is honorable and honest is respectable, be it ever so lowly, ever so unobtrusive. The only thing which is not respectable in the least, and is wholly contemptible, is the being a sham, attempting to do what one knows nothing about, and doing one's work in a slipshod careless and inefficient manner. . . .

"Don't cry when things go a little

wrong. The bane of success in a girl's work is often found in her quick sensibility, her readiness to take offense at a word of criticism, or to be hurt and show wounded feelings. If some one who has a perfect right to do so, finds fault perhaps with unnecessary frankness and directness. The soft cheek suddenly hangs out the storm signal of a crimson blush, the eyes fill, the girl is hurt, and shows it in a place where feeling should have no room to press in an entering wedge. A girl who has her way to make in this world, with its many cares and responsibilities, must remember that sentimentality has no standing-ground in the proper performance of her task, and must expect her work to be gauged precisely as a boy's would be, by its real value. The girl who has found out her work and entered upon it, should ask no favor in right of her sex, but she should cultivate a just self respect. This will make her careful not to exceed her income in her expenditures, and it will lead her never to a pecuniary obligation to man or woman outside the immediate circle of her kindred. She will beware of the spurious arguments of people who seek to sell goods to her on the installment plan—a plan which works to the detriment and misery of many wage earning girl. No one is so safe a confidant for the young girl as her mother or elder sister, and failing in these, her teacher in the Sunday-school, or the wife of her pastor, is usually her most judicious friend. It is a great advantage to a girl dependent on her own exertions to belong to one of the circles of the King's Daughters—which afford a young woman pleasant companionship, and give her a circle of friends who may advise and assist her."

A JUDGE'S TESTIMONY.

The famous judge, Sir Matthew Hale, said in his day: "The places of adjudication I have long held in this kingdom have given me an opportunity to observe the original cause of most of the enormities that have been committed for the space of twenty years; and by due observation I have found if the murders and manslaughters, the burglaries and robberies, the riots and tumults and other enormities that have happened in that time were divided into five parts, four of them would have been the issue and product of excessive drinking—of tavern and ale-house drinking."—*Sel.*

We may imitate the Deity in all His attributes, but mercy is the only one in which we cannot pretend to equal Him. We cannot indeed, give like God; but surely we may forgive like him.—*Ex.*